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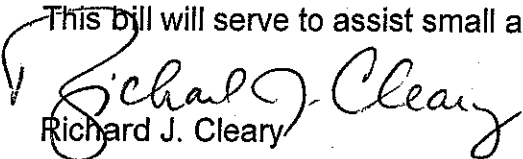
Proposed Bill No. 579 – An Act Providing Funds for the Center for Manufacturing Supply Chain Integration

My name is Richard Cleary and I am the President & COO of Hygrade Precision Technologies, Inc. located in Plainville. I am appearing in support of the Proposed Bill No. 579 regarding funds for the Center for Manufacturing Supply Chain Integration (also known as CMSCI).

For the past several years, CMSCI has been instrumental in working with small and medium sized aerospace and defense manufacturers to improve productivity, enhance workforce development and improve market expansion. Over 76 manufacturers took advantage of this service and conducted 243 process improvement projects resulting in significant savings, lead time reduction, cycle time improvement, and quality; all cornerstones for a successful business. These companies employ over 6,000 people in Connecticut and increased their payroll by almost 10% as a result of these projects.

As you know, manufacturing jobs are under tremendous pressure in this current economic environment and maintaining this critical industry in Connecticut is vital for our overall state climate. I request your support to provide continued funding for the CMCSI within the Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology.

This bill will serve to assist small and medium sized manufacturers at a critical time.


Richard J. Cleary